Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Children are South Dakota's most vital and valuable resources; and,

Whereas, Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers, and all parents and families have hopes and goals for their children; and,

Whereas, Parents' involvement in their children's learning prior to school entrance is essential for school readiness; and,

Whereas, Parents' involvement in children's education is a determining factor in their academic success; and,

Whereas, South Dakota recognizes the important role that parents, guardians, grandparents, and other family members play in children's learning and education; and,

Whereas, Education is the foundation of our democratic society and provides the opportunity for children to reach the highest levels of achievement and to live productive lives; and,

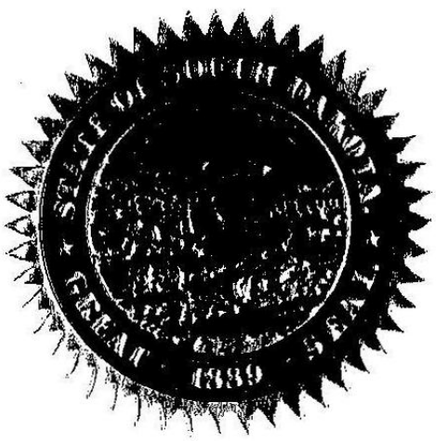
Whereas, South Dakota is dedicated to providing the high quality education all children deserve in accessible, welcoming environments; and,

Whereas, When parents work with schools supported by communities in shared partnerships, children become lifelong learners and community contributors:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2009 as

PARENT INVOLVEMENT MONTH

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State